

CAMARO CORNER



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January 2008

The View from the top.

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As we start yet another year with WMCC we have great anticipation for the future. The 5thGen Camaro is now only months away from being released and the excitement is infectious. This should be one very fun year for all the members of the Western Michigan Camaro Club. We will of course kick off the year with our January Club meeting.

January WMCC Club meeting:

Our January Club meeting will be on Sunday, January 6th and Dennis & Bonnie Edwards have volunteered to host the meeting at their home. They live in Burlington, Michigan which is



By Doug Warren,
WMCC President

about 20 miles south of Battle Creek. You will receive directions to the Edwards home in an e-mail. If you don't have e-mail and need directions, you can call them at 517-765-9929. The meeting will start at 1pm and we will have a pot-luck style lunch, so please bring a dish to pass. Bonnie will be making Sloppy Joes and have buns/plates/napkins and soft drinks on hand. At this stage the weather sounds OK, so please try to make the meeting. Our main topic of discussion will be the Grand Rapids Autorama and planning all the details: trailers, workers, set-up & tear-down, etc. We'll see everyone there!!!!!!!

Grand Rapids Autorama:

As usual, the first big event of the year is the Grand Rapids Autorama (January 11, 12, 13, 2008). We will have a Club display as well as work the Exhibitors Lounge again, as we have done for several years. Move in day for the cars is Thursday, January 10th and we will be discussing trailering arrangements at our Club meeting. Again, anyone that has an enclosed trailer and wants to help would be most welcome. Just drop me an e-mail or a phone call, or better yet, attend the Club meeting to offer your help.

Christi Falkenhagen will be the Exhibitors Lounge chairperson this year and will help coordinate the work schedule as well as the supplies needed for the room. Again, Autorama will be the main topic of discussion at the Club meeting so please be there.

Club membership dues:

I want to thank everyone that paid their 2008 membership dues at the Christmas Party. Your loyalty

Directions to Dennis & Bonnie Edwards

We are located at 7150 11 Mile Road Burlington, MI. Phone: (517) 765-9929 Directions:

From Grand Rapids take I-131 to I-94 east to 11 Mile Road (Exit 104). Turn left onto 11 Mile Road and go approximately 9 miles and we are located on the left side of the road. (Tan Ranch Style Home)

From Kalamazoo, take I-94 east to 11 Mile Road (Exit 104), turn left onto 11 Mile Road and go approximately 9 miles.

From Millington/Flint- Take I-69 to I-94 West to 11 Mile Road (Exit 104) Turn left onto 11 Mile go 9 miles.

From Three Rivers - Take M-60 East to 11 Mile Road, turn Lt on 11 Mile and go approximately 5 mile on right.

See you then.

Dennis and Bonnie

and dedication is one thing that makes our Club special. So, for those than have not paid yet, this is a friendly reminder that the 2008 dues are now due. If you joined prior to July of 2007, then the dues are \$45 for a couple and \$30 for a single membership. If you joined the Club after July of 2007, then you are good until January 2009.

Aluminum can tab drive:

Just a reminder: we are always collecting aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House charity. If you have some saved up, please bring them to the meeting or any other Club activity. Thanks!

Cyber Camaros:

For those that spend any time on the Internet, there are several Camaro related websites that you should find interesting. First and foremost for many of our Club members is: www.mifbody.com . We currently have 50 WMCC members registered on this site. Woot !!!!! another good site to visit is: www.chirpthird.com especially the Super Sport Owners "back porch" forums. For the 2nd Gen crowd, there is: www.nastyz28.com it's all 2nd Gen Camaro stuff and a very good source of information on these cars.For the rare stuff, there is: www.yenko.net and: www.ls1tech.com for the newer crowd. www.gminsidenews.com is a very interesting site for all the future and current activities at GM. And don't forget about: www.camaro5.com for discussions on the 5th Gen Camaro. Of course one of the oldest and most respected Camaro sites is: www.camaroz28.com which was started by our friends Jason Debler and Chris Frezza. Of course, there are more great sites, but these should get you started.

WMCC Caribbean Cruise:

By the time you read this there will be less that 40 days until we leave for the sunshine and warm waters of the Caribbean. Don't be one of the ones that are going to say "Man, I wish we would have gone with those guys. Look at how much fun they had!"

The Carnival Liberty actually leaves Ft Lauderdale on Sunday Feb 10. But most of us are going down on Friday Feb 8 to spend a couple of days in the Ft Lauderdale/Miami area before we leave. My sister lives there and they are hosting a cookout for everyone on Saturday evening. After

Ft Lauderdale, Key West, Grand Cayman, Jamaica and a couple of days on the water just laying around drinking fruity drinks, we return to Ft Lauderdale on Feb 16. Some are heading straight home and some are staying on for a day or 2 before returning to the frozen north.

We currently have 5 WMCC couples going along



and without even trying or planning it, all our cabins are on the same desk of the ship! Everyone is busy planning the shore excursions that



they want to do. Some are overlapping and we are doing the same thing and some are not. Everyone is doing the things they want to make this the trip of a lifetime. Doing the things you want and still getting to hang out with great friends. What could be better?

A couple of the things Tracey and I are planning are a trip to the Mel Fisher (treasure hunter) Maritime Museum and shopping. A ride on a glass bottom boat to see shipwrecks and the reef and afterwards, shopping. In Jamaica we are going to Dunn River Falls. A 600 foot high stair step water fall you can actually climb and did I mention, SHOPPING. Yes, it's even fun for the guys to go shopping in places like this!

If you want to make memories with us and not be a "wish I would have", contact me and I'll get you the info.

Ray Cochran zmanrc@hotmail.com



Project DZ74

I thought winter was the time Michiganders used to work on their cars???

With the holidays and everything else going on we only had one work day on the project this month. Got the rear shocks painted to match the rear suspension and got them installed. We also removed some of the factory sound deadener on the interior that was coming apart. We have new sound deadener to replace it with.

There is still plenty to do. If you have any free time please contact Doug and he can put you to work.

DZ74 Project Manager

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Some pictures of the project

solo sensation

Solo racing is becoming increasingly popular with the corner-turning set. It is a type of competition that pits man against the clock as he travels around a road course usually designed for an entire field of cars. There are stock, production and the far-out modified classes of competition. Doug Warren has been Solo F/Stock champion in the Western Michigan Sports Car Council for the past three years. His clean-looking 1974 Camaro LT is a 14.95 quarter-mile, but very rarely does it go in a straight line.

The car has been lowered, but retains the stock suspension, Goodyear GT Radials on American 200S wheels adorn



the corners, and Gabriel Sliders take care of the bounces. The motor is a 350ci L-82 "7" engine.

Accouterments include Marchal Quartz Halogen lights, braided stainless steel brake lines from Guldstrand, front brake

ducts and much chrome under the hood. The car was purchased new for \$4810 and has never been driven during the winter. Doug is also the past president of the Western Michigan Camaro Club headquartered in Wyoming, Michigan.



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December 2007 Meeting:

Dec. 8, 07 @Carl & Theresa Lins' house for our annual Christmas party.

Attendance:

Doug & Anita Warren, Gib & Tammy Loudon, Peg & Greg Gornick, Wade & Stacie Shindorf, Al & Jan Boyer, Dennis & Nancy Stevens, John & Cheryl Smith, Ronnie & Dennis Mykols, Bob & Joann Gornick, Marc Bouman, Randy & April Martin, Kathy & Steve Ogrodzinski, Dave & Angie Kemp, Carl & Teresa Lins, Ray & Jeannine Shafer, John & Christi Falkenhagen, Patrick & Carla Long, Joel DeVriendt, Sean Kammeraad, Bob & Kelly Donker, Ray & Tracey Cochran, Dennis & Bonnie Edwards, Justin Pace & Becky, Kenya Jones, Amy Kugel, Gary & Shelley Crippin, Tim & Marge Drooger, Jeff & Debbie Peloquin, Gay & Dave Verburg, and Anne Kohler, Alan Boyer Jr., James Hoffman, Nick & Christi Kemp, Dan Baker, Tiffany , Tim and Aubry.

Autorama:

Entry forms are here. Christi Falkenhagen is our chairperson for the hospitality room. If you work, you get a pass to the show.

Cars we have lined up at this point:

Johnson's '02 JB Berger SS
Bouman's 79 Z28,
Verburg's '00 Z28,
Donker's 69 Berger COPO,
Edlund's 89 IROC-Z,
Miedema's '68 SS,
Bredewig's '69 Pro-street,
Gornick's '02 Hot Rod

Display: two Camaro easy-ups gives us a place to hand out club materials and to gather.

Trailers: Carl's trailer, Berger trailer, and hopefully Brad Van Hemert's trailer. Dan Baker has open trailer if needed.

**Ask if it is possible to bring coffee around as people are setting up.

Our materials for the display are at John Smith's house. He will try to haul it in his snowmobile trailer. We will have electricity for the display.

Sept. Indy Show:

9 - 19 thru 21, 2008

Huge show @ Indy 500 Speedway. Hotel info. should be here soon. Pace car reunion.

Berger Show:

Should we expand our show to Fri. PM? Have a meet & greet/barbecue on Fri.?

Bus Trip to Chicago:

If we want to go next year, we need the money ahead of time. We will start planning much earlier, also.

January Meeting:

Dennis & Bonnie Edwards place with a pot-luck on Sun., Jan. 6th @1:00 pm Burlington, MI by I-94



January 2008 Events Calendar

WMCC Monthly Membership Meetings:

- *Jan 6 2008 WMCC January Club Meeting, details in newsletter
- *Feb 3 2008 WMCC February Club Meeting
- *Mar 2 2008 WMCC March Club Meeting
- *Apr 6 2008 WMCC April Club Meeting

All Camaro / All Chevrolet Events:

- April 5-6 2008 Spring Chevy-Vettefest, Rosemont, IL
- June 20-22, 2008 10th Annual Camaro Nationals, Carlisle, PA by the American Camaro Association
- July 4-6, 2008 17th Annual Camaro Superfest, Ypsilanti, MI by the Eastern Michigan Camaro Club
- *Aug 22-23 2008 9th Annual Berger Chevrolet – All Chevy Show - 2525 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI
- *Sept 19-21 2008 GM/Chevrolet Camaro Event in Indianapolis, IN, Details yet to be announced.

Other Automotive Events of Interest:

- *Jan 11-13 2008 Grand Rapids Autorama – DeVos Place
- Jan 19-26 2008 NAIAS Cobo Hall – Detroit, MI
- Feb 8-17 2008 Chicago Auto Show – McCormick Place
- Mar 7-9 2008 Detroit Autorama – Cobo Hall
- May 16-18 2008 Year One Experience @ Road Atlanta & Atlanta Dragway, Georgia
- *May 31 2008 MiFbody Meet & Greet, Kensington Metro Park, Milford, MI
- Jun 7 2008 Ionia Classic Car & Truck Show, downtown Ionia, MI
- Jun 7-14 2008 Hot Rod Power Tour
- Jun 15 2008 Hastings Fathers Day Car Show, Charlton Park
- Jun 27-29 2008 Super Chevy Show – Indianapolis Raceway Park, Clermont, IN
- Jul 12 2008 19th Annual Ledges Classic Auto Show, Grand Ledge, MI
- Jul 19 2008 National Baby Food Festival Car Show, Fremont, MI
- Aug 16 2008 Woodward Dream Cruise – Detroit area
- Aug 22-23 2008 28th Street Metro Cruise
- Aug 29-30 2008 11th Annual Supercar Reunion, Gateway Center, Collinsville, IL
- Sep 1 2008 Labor Day Cars for Cancer Show, Muskegon, MI
- Sep 5-7 2008 Frankenmuth Autofest

Attention Members:

Please Remember all club Members dues are Due January 1, 2008. If you have any questions about your dues please contact me.

Thanks, Al Boyer

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**Don't Miss the Next WMCC Meeting
January 6th, at the home of
Dennis & Bonnie Edwards in
Burlington, MI**

The Western Michigan Camaro Club

is dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation and promotion of the Chevrolet Camaro as the premier four passenger sports car ever. The club was formed in 1975.

Meetings

The WMCC holds monthly membership meetings on the first Sunday of each month. Times and location vary, so see the Newsletter or check the club's web site at www.wmcamaro.org for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

WMCC Officers

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